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Re: New Patent Application  
ROC9-2000-0220-US1 ALLEN et al.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith the application of ALLEN et al. for Letters Patent for STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONFIGURATION METHOD AND APPARATUS VIA ENABLING IN-BAND COMMUNICATIONS (Case ROC9-2000-0220-US1), including the specification, a set of 18 claims and one copy of the drawings (3 sheets). Also enclosed is the Declaration with Power of Attorney and an Assignment to INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION.

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